



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RITCHIE FAMILY

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BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO MONGOLIA



There are some definite downsides to having church in a basement, in particular flooding problems. With an average precipitation of only 17 inches a year, however, this was not something we ever worried about here in Ulaanbaatar...until now. Of course, we have had some plumbing disasters, but with those taken care of, I thought everything was fine until I walked into the church a couple of weeks ago to see that about three inches of water had entered our auditorium. This year has been very wet, and the city has been constructing a new road near us. Evidently, all the runoff heads directly toward our building. After cleaning up and a couple of near reoccurrences, we finally sandbagged the church. Now we have a "bunker" for our "Christian soldiers".



Because of flooding problems, and to accommodate the increase in our children, teen, college and career, and adult Sunday schools, we have been looking in earnest for a new building with additional space. Most locations we are finding would require us to pay substantially more in rent. Please pray that God would lead us to just the right place.



We are sorry to report that Khundag has succumbed to her liver cancer and passed away. Though I did not witness it, her son who is a Christian says that she accepted Christ before she died. He and his girlfriend are now attending our church. Please pray for Khundag's husband Tumur, as well as his two daughters for their salvation.



Our church is growing! We have recently

seen three more saved, some Christians wanting to join, preparation for baptisms at the end of August and a new baby in the nursery.

[Salvation testimonies]

Erkaa is a teen that Migaa introduced to our church. Recently he began to ask serious questions about the Bible. After hearing a clear gospel presentation several times, he finally prayed to receive Christ as his personal Lord and Savior! Because his father is a Shaman, Erkaa is experiencing real persecution at home. Please pray that he will remain strong.

Tuulgaa is a college-age young man who recently began coming to our services. His family lived and worked in Washington DC for the past 15 years, so he knows English better than he does Mongolian! His nanny took him to a Spanish church service when she could, and so he has the unique history of being raised in church without understanding anything about the Bible. One Sunday morning I led him to Christ, and he has been faithful ever since. Please pray that God would help him grow in grace.

Khaliunaa is the teenaged sister to one of our church kids' classmate from school. She brought her younger sister to church one day, and that led to her coming for a while. One Sunday morning she raised her hand during the invitation time, asking for prayer regarding her salvation. A church lady was able to lead her to the Lord! Pray that she will grow.



We continue to work toward establishing a Bible College to train men for the ministry. We are now enrolling and will begin classes on September 3rd, with five courses taught by four instructors. As you can imagine, the past few months have been very busy getting things ready

for this, and we are still preparing! Though our accreditation will probably not be received until next spring, we are working through the process. God has put us into connection with several important officials who have been receptive to what we are trying to do. I hope to be able to report more in the next month.



We have made good progress on the Bible translation which we are now calling the **Уламжлалт Бичээс Библийн Орчуулга** or the **Traditional Text Bible Translation**. We have Genesis and Exodus nearly finished, a first draft of Psalms, second draft of Joshua and Judges, and a fourth draft of Ruth and Jonah completed. All of our translators are now on vacation, but when they return, we will begin 1 Samuel and Ezra. Please pray for our work.



By way of personal news, our family moved to a new home that will allow us more room for the kids and the opportunity to increase our hospitality. Chuck Weber had surgery on his rotator cuff and seems to be recovering well. Also, Bradley Kubick and his family will be joining us here in three weeks! Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. We couldn't do it without you!

In-Christ for the Harvest,

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